



**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	:	Gerald DELGORGUE et al.	)	
			)	Group Art Unit 3728
Appln. No.	:	10/023,987	)	
			)	Examiner Marie D. Patterson
Docket No.	:	P21689	)	
			)	Confirmation No. 8136
Customer No.	:	7055	)	
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Filed	:	December 21, 2001	)	
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Title	:	BOOT	)	

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 3, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated October 3, 2003, for which Applicants request an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for two months, from January 3, 2004 to March 3, 2004, and following an interview with the Examiner, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section, beginning on page 12, below, and consistent with the conversation had with the Examiner during the aforementioned interview, Applicants submit that they have placed the instant application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.